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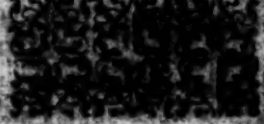

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Against the 12 Bishops charge.

M. SPEAKER,

Hereas there hath been presented to the House a most faithfull and exact report of the Conference we had the other day concerning the 12 Bishops which is specified of high Treason and with the opinion of the Committees that were appointed, and employed in that service for the maintaining of the charge against them.

And they conceived it fit that the Bishop of Lincolne and the rest should be brought to their tryall this day, I must second the motion, and with the favour of the House, I shall be bold to offer my reasons why I conceive it more necessary that we should proceed against them in their triall.

[illegible] long introduction are not [illegible] to [illegible] bluntnesse, we are fallen upon the great [illegible], the Lord Bishops of York and [illegible] Prest of them, look upon them as they are in their highnesse, and you shall see that they are the [illegible] of all [illegible] ills, and hath infected the State and the government of the Church and Common wealth, look upon them in their dependances, and they are the onely man and the onely men that hath raised and advanced all those, that together with themselves have been the authours, and causers of all these ruins, miseries and [illegible] which we do now groane under.

Who is it, but an onely the [illegible] have brought in all these [illegible] Church, and have caused to be [illegible] both to preach and teach men to [illegible] to goe with them in their bloody [illegible]. Whose is it, Speaker, but theirs onely that have advanced all Popish Ministers to their preferment, and the chiefest of all that hath raised all these tumults of Papists and other sectaries to revolt against his Majestie.

These are they that should have fed Christs flock, but they are the wolves that have devoured it: all the sheep should have fed up on the mountains, but the mountains have eaten up the sheep, it was the happinesse of our

Church

Thus when the zeal of Gods house did eat up the Bishops, glorious and brave Martyrs went to the stake, in defence of the Protestant Religion; but the zeal of these Bishops have been to eat up and persecute the Church.

Who is it M. *Speaker*, but these Bb. that hath set at the helme to guide and steare them to all their managing of their Projects, that hath been set on foot in this Kingdome these Two yeeres last past, and rather then they would stand out, they have most unworthily truckled and chaffered in the meanest of them; as for instance, that of Tobacco, wherein thousands of poore people have been stripped and turned out of their trades, for which they have served as Apprentices. We all know that they were then meerly comprehended and concerned with them, for those Licences. Certainly Mr. SPEAKER, they might have spent their times better, and more for their grace in the Pulpit, then thus raking and plotting of

Mr. SPEAKER, We all know what they have been charged withall here in this house, they be crimes of a dangerous Consequence, and of a transcendent nature, no lesse than the subverting of the government of this Kingdome, and the alteration of the Protestant Religion, and that not upon bare information onely, but much of it comes before us

already, upon cleere and manifest proofes, and then to place any businesses, grievances, or complaints come before us in this place, wherein we doe not finde them intermingled, and as it were twisted into it, like a bottle and argery Waspe, his sting in the style of every thing.

Wee have this day heard the Report of the Conferrence which Wee had the last weeke, and in it the accusation which is laid against them, and wee doe all know, that they are guilty of the same.

Mr. *Speaker*, they have beene, and are still the common enemies to all goodnesse and good men, and it is not safe that such vipers should have been neere his Majesties person, to distill their poyson into his sacred Eares, nor were it safe for the Common Wealth, that they should sit in so eminent a place of government, being thus wickedly bent, since men are the corrupt channels, that turn infected and ill streames, and untill the fountaine be purged, we cannot expect to have any cleere Channells, I shall be bould therefore, to offer my opinion, and if I erre, it is the error of my Judgement, and not my want of zeale and affection to the publike good.

I conceive it most necessary and fit that wee should now take up a Resolution to doe somewhat, and to strike whilest the Iron is hot.

hot: to goe to the Lords in the Name of the Commons of this House, to desire their Lordships, that these men might proceed in their triall.

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